



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held September 27, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“House Resolution 316, sponsored by Congressmen George Radanovich (R-CA), Joseph Knollenberg (R-MI), Adam Schiff (D-CA) and Frank Pallone (D-CA) and 140 co-sponsors, seeks to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity relating to human rights and ethnic cleansing associated with the Armenian Genocide.

“With the full support of Committee Chairman Congressman Henry Hyde (R-IL) and Vice Chair Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA), the House International Relations Committee approved the legislation on a 40-7 vote, clearing the way for a historic vote on the House Floor.

“The bipartisan bill also calls upon the President to accurately characterize the systematic and deliberate annihilation of 1.5 million Armenians as genocide and to recall the proud history of United States intervention in opposition to the Armenian Genocide.

“Also approved in the International Relations Committee, on a 35-11 vote with the full support of Committee Chairman Congressman Henry Hyde (R-IL) and Vice Chair Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA), was House Concurrent Resolution 195 that commemorates the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 and urges the Government of Turkey to acknowledge the culpability of the Ottoman Empire and establish rapprochement with the Republic of Armenia and the Armenian people.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of:
  - House Resolution 316, which seeks to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity relating to human rights and ethnic cleansing associated with the Armenian Genocide; and
  - House Concurrent Resolution 195, that commemorates the Armenian Genocide of 1915 through 1923 and urges the Government of Turkey to acknowledge the culpability of the Ottoman Empire and establish rapprochement with the Republic of Armenia and the Armenian people; and
2. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to the Congressional Leadership and the California Congressional Delegation expressing the Board's support.

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Each Supervisor  
Chief Administrative Officer  
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Letters sent to:

Congressman George Radanovich  
Congressman Joseph Knollenberg  
Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Congressman Adam Schiff  
Each Member, Congressional Leadership  
Each Member, California Congressional Delegation